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No. PCT/EP99/08030, filed October 22, 1999, in the European Patent Office; additionally, Applicants claim the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 98830655.1, filed October 29, 1998, in the European Patent Office; further, Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/111,115, filed December 4, 1998, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of all of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### Field of the Invention--

a2 Page 1, line 17, add section subheading --Description of the Related Art-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The tyres for the driving axles . . . ."

a3 Page 4, line 5, add section heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Applicants' goal is to realize . . . ."

a4 Page 7, line 23, add section heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Further characteristic features . . . ."

a5 Page 8, line 24, add section heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "In the Figures

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